

# Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation

## Current Situation Report for December 16, 2020

Delaware Agricultural Statistics 490,000 acres in Farms (39% of State Land Area)		
Agricultural Preservation Districts		
	Farms	Acres
Approved	328	38,213
Pending	14	773
<b>Total</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>38,986</b>
<b>Terminations</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>24,791</b>

Kent County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	133	16,216
Pending	8	555
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>16,771</b>
<b>Terminations</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>10,678</b>

New Castle County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	23	3,536
Pending	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3,536</b>
<b>Terminations</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2,896</b>

Sussex County Districts		
District/Expansions	Farms	Acres
Approved	172	18,461
Pending	6	218
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>18,679</b>
<b>Terminations</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>11,217</b>

Agricultural Easements			
	Farms	Acres	Cost
<b>Settlements Final</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>130,472</b>	<b>\$229,041,339</b>
<b>Pending Round 22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$83,194</b>
<b>Pending Round 23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3,321</b>	<b>\$5,726,012</b>
<b>Pending Round 24</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>5,270</b>	<b>\$10,286,497</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>139,128</b>	<b>\$245,137,042</b>

Averages of Easements			
No. Easements	All 1,065	Last 5yrs- 257	Last 3yrs- 209
<b>*Discount</b>	*59%	*68%	*67%
<b>Farm Size</b>	131 acres	90 acres	86 acres
<b>Payment Landowner</b>	\$229,736	\$144,379	\$145,660
<b>Cost Per Acre</b>	\$1,759	\$1,600	\$1,692

Agricultural Easements by County				Easement Land Use		
County	Farms	Acres	Cost	Type	Acres	%
Kent	505	70,600	\$104,016,998	Cropland	88,942	64
New Castle	105	14,664	\$ 37,687,975	Forestland	37,913	27
Sussex	455	53,864	\$103,432,069	Wetland/Other	12,273	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>139,128</b>	<b>\$245,137,042</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>139,128</b>	<b>100</b>

\*Note: Avg. % includes County Funds

**Funding for 1,065 Easements**

- \* State Funds- \$166,614,846
- \* USDA Funds- \$ 59,667,725
- \* County Funds- \$ 14,993,759
- \* ISTEAFunds- \$ 1,250,000
- \*Other Funds- \$ 2,610,713
- \*Est. Total Funds \$ 245,137,043**
- \*Landowner Disco \$ 349,823,541**
- \*Est. Total Value \$ 594,960,584**
- \*Est. Closing Costs \$5,600,000

Total Number of Properties – Eligible for Round 25 Appraisal			Total Number of Properties To Appraise in Round 25		District Applications Received in 2020	
County	Farms	Acres	#	Acres	#	Acres
Kent	122	12,657	66	5,346	17	1,159
New Castle	20	2,840	11	587	0	0
Sussex	165	16,875	95	9,227	19	1,284
<b>Totals</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>32,372</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>15,160</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2,443</b>

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**Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation**  
**Forestland Current Situation Report**  
**As of December 16, 2020**

Forestland Preservation Areas			Forestland Applications Received in 2020		
	#	Acres	County	#	Acres
Approved	50	4,313	Kent	1	94
Pending	1	94	New Castle		
Withdrawn	2	50	Sussex		
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>4,407</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Not in Easement</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,880</b>			

New Castle County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	1	43
Pending	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>

Kent County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	23	1,377
Pending	1	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,471</b>

Sussex County Areas		
	Properties	Acres
Approved	26	2,843
Pending	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,843</b>

Forestland Preservation Areas			
County	Properties	Acres	Easement Value
Kent	6	452	\$676,191
Sussex	7	519	\$844,078
Pending	3	229	\$165,215
<b>Settlements Final</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>\$1,685,484</b>
<b>Farmland Easement</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,365</b>	

**Source of Funds 14 Easements**

State -	\$ 1,273,081
Nature Conservancy-	\$ 412,403
Total of Costs	\$ 1,685,484
Landowner Discount-	\$ 3,142,439
<b>Grand Total Value</b>	<b>\$ 4,827,923</b>
Est.Settlement Costs	\$ 60,000

**Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Programs Grand Totals of all Easements**

Programs	Properties	Acres	Easement Cost
Forestland Preservation Area Easements	16	1,200	\$1,564,038
Farmland Preservation Easements	1,065	139,128	\$245,137,042
<b>Total of Forestland &amp; Farmland Easements</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>140,328</b>	<b>\$246,822,526</b>
Total of Forestland & Farmland Landowner Discount			\$352,965,980
<b>Grand Total Value</b>			<b>\$599,788,506</b>

**Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Young Farmers Loan Program**

Settled Loans	Total Acres w/o Residential		Appraised Easement Value	Announced Farmer Loan Amount	Actual Farmer Loan
<b>36</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>Acres</b> 2128 662 12	<b>Type</b> Cropland Forest Other	\$12,644,304	\$8,630,719
# Prequalification Applications Received	# Approved	# Waiting for Review	# Denied or No Longer Qualify	<b>Settlement Costs Total Cost</b>	<b>\$199,259</b> <b>\$8,448,703</b>
114	96	0	18	<b>Young Farmer Loan Applications:</b> Round 9 – 2 approved applications (120 acres)	